

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A seal ring comprising a tube-shaped, elastic part having an insertion opening at one a lower end for receiving an ink supply needle, ~~wherein the top of the insertion opening includes and~~
a ~~[[top]]~~ sealing film having a crack connecting the insertion opening to ~~[[and]]~~ a space defined by an internal wall at another end of the tube-shaped, elastic part above the top sealing film, wherein the tube-shaped, elastic part is provided with a symmetric support, one end of the support being located on the internal wall of the tube-shaped, elastic part, and another end of the support being located adjacent to the crack in the sealing film.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The seal ring of claim 1, wherein the insertion opening has a narrower portion having a diameter smaller than that of the ink supply needle.
3. **(Currently Amended)** The seal ring of claim 2, wherein the narrower portion is formed by rings which are axially spaced ~~raised~~ from the one lower end of the tube-shaped, elastic part.
4. **(Canceled)**
5. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~sealing~~ seal ring of claim 1 ~~[[4]]~~, wherein a surface on which the crack is located overlaps with a surface of the symmetric support.
6. **(Currently Amended)** An ink cartridge comprising an ink outlet which supplies ink from an internal ink chamber, wherein the ink outlet is provided with a seal ring, the seal ring

~~comprises~~ comprising a tube-shaped, elastic part~~[[,]]~~ having an external wall ~~of the elastic part~~ tightly connecting with an internal wall of the ink outlet, ~~and a lower end of the elastic part~~ including an insertion opening at one end for receiving an ink supply needle, and ; ~~wherein the top of the insertion opening includes a [[top]] sealing film having a crack connecting the insertion opening [[and]] to a space defined by an interior wall at another end of the tube-shaped, elastic part, above the top sealing film wherein the tube-shaped, elastic part includes a symmetric support, one end of the support being located on the internal wall of the tube-shaped, elastic part, and another end of the support being located adjacent to the crack in the sealing film.~~

7. ***(Previously Presented)*** The ink cartridge of claim 6, wherein the insertion opening has a narrower portion having a diameter smaller than that of the ink supply needle.

8. ***(Currently Amended)*** The ink cartridge of claim 7, wherein the narrower portion is formed by rings which are axially spaced ~~raised~~ from the one ~~lower~~ end of the tube-shaped, elastic part.

9. ***(Canceled)***

10. ***(Currently Amended)*** The ink cartridge of claim 6 ~~[[9]]~~, wherein a surface on which the crack is located overlaps with a surface of the symmetric support.